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THE "WATER Famine."—We already know by experience, that the rains of the season have fallen short of their usual abundance this spring in the United States, although the condensation of this past week has been considerable. The returns from England, carefully collated by Mr. Glaisher, give a general average of only twenty-two inches for the past year, while the proper mean rainfall of England is thirty inches. The deficiency of eight inches of the usual fall may be roughly estimated at over a million gallons of water for every square mile of British territory, and should be carefully noted. In the tropics, where the atmospheric machinery takes up the greatest amount of moisture from the sea for terrestrial distribution, we find similar results. From the returns of the Windward West Indies the official figures for last December show a deficiency greater than has been known in the twenty-four years' precedents; and the average of the year 1871 was twenty-eight per cent, or more than one-fourth below that of the preceding twenty-four years. For the month of January, 1872, the returns are still more discouraging, the average falling short of that for the same month of the twenty-five preceding years by thirty-five per cent, or more than one-third.

Taking these facts in connection with the widespread and terrible ravages of the great Northwestern fires and forest conflagrations, which denuded so many districts of country last fall, and remembering the climatic deterioration usually observed to follow the clearing of the soil and felling of trees, we see good reason for calling the attention of the whole country to the most frugal husbanding of the precious water supply distilled from the clouds. *New York Herald.*

A SPECIAL CALL.—Elder John Smith, of Kentucky, known as "Raccoon Smith" throughout the West, was one of those eccentric parsons whose sayings and doings are sure to be handed down as honored traditions for many generations. Here is a specimen of his rough wit. A tall, awkward fellow, named Weeks, had been annoying the Baptist Association with constant importunities for a license to preach, and at last he was handed over to Smith to make an end of the case. Weeks felt he had a special call to the ministry. Smith began by eliciting from him an expression of belief in every part of the Bible, and then said: "Well, if I can prove by the Bible that you are not called to preach, will you be satisfied to drop the matter and not further importune the Association for a license?"

Brother Weeks assented to this, and "Raccoon Smith" deliberately opened the New Testament at Romans x: 15, and in a grave tone read: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace," etc., then glancing at Weeks' monstrous feet remarked: "You see, Brother Weeks, that the Bible declares that the feet of the true preacher are 'beautiful'; you, sir, have the most monstrous ugly feet of any man in the whole of Kentucky; therefore, by this Bible, it is clear that you have not been specially called. Do you not see the point?"

WATCH DOGS.—Watch dogs are excellent creatures to turn loose in a store to keep burglars away, but you should know your dog and your dog should know you. Otherwise there may be a misunderstanding. A woman in Darby, Pa., a short time ago bought a resolute bull dog and shut him in his store and went home "to sleep and happy dreams," feeling secure that no thieves would break through and steal in that establishment. Next morning he undertook to enter his own store and was caught by the leg by the vigilant watch dog. After a struggle he escaped from the store and was forced to suspend business for a week, which period he spent in firing with a shot gun through the windows, down the chimney, and up through the floor, in the hope of exterminating the vigilant brute. Finally, he had to pay the former owner of the brute a liberal price to come and take him away, in order that he might proceed with his business, and then he found that his own bombardment of the premises had rattled the molasses barrels, oil casks, etc., and smashed the crockery in a most expensive manner. That man does not believe in watch dogs any more.

BASE BALL CLUBS.—The Cleveland Leader, waxing pensive over the reported sale of the effects of the celebrated Red Stocking Base Ball Club, writes:—"The memory of the Red Stockings will ever be like the grass on their ball ground, fresh and green, and little children will often point to the picture of their paternal ancestor, whose broken nose or missing eyeball varies the monotony of the photographic album, and say, in subdued whispers, 'A hot ball did that,' or 'He caught a sky scraper in the eye,' and widows whose husbands fell at the ball field front, or keeled over, struck by a deadly club while on deck, will drop a tear as they draw their government pension that the amount is not larger, and that they have not several able bodied sons that can handle a ball club."

A GHOST IN A COAL MINE.—A veritable ghost has taken up his residence in a shaft of a Pennsylvania coal mine. That he is rather a formidable inhabitant appears from the annexed description: "The ghost is represented as being about six feet high, of white, thin, vapory substance, and moves about through the chambers, appearing to first one gang of men and then to another. Pistols have been fired at him and, although many shots have passed through him, yet he seems invulnerable to pistol balls. He has frightened the mules, driven men from their chambers, threatened individual persons, and produced a general consternation among the workmen. All attempts to catch him have proved abortive, and he is getting to be a decided nuisance."

CLEANLINESS.—A neat, clean, fresh aired, sweet, cheerful well-arranged house exerts a moral influence over its inmates, and makes the members of a family peaceable and considerate of each other's feelings and happiness. The connection is obvious between the state of mind and those produced and respect for others, and for those higher duties and obligations which no law can enforce. On the contrary, a filthy, squalid, noxious dwelling, in which none of the decencies of life are observed, contributes to make its inhabitants selfish, sensual and regardless of the feelings of others; and the constant indulgence of such passions renders them reckless and brutal.

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A good article as low as \$10. All the latest novelties in

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